THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There are no job cuts under NREGA.

(c) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 is applicable in all the rural areas of the country. It is demand driven. The Act provides for a legal guarantee of 100 days of employment to every rural household in a financial year whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Thus, all rural households can apply for job under NREGA.

(d) NREGA was implemented in 200 identified districts in its first phase with effect from 2.2.2006 and was extended to 130 additional districts in the second phase during 2007-08. All the remaining rural areas in the country have been covered under the Act with effect from 1.4.2008. 2.10 crore households were provided employment under NREGA during 2006-07, 3.39 crore households have been provided employment during 2007-08 and 3.81 crore have been benefited during 2008-09, up to January, 2009.

(e) Ministry has advised all States to closely monitor their programmes to ensure that atleast all BPL families willing to do unskilled manual work are covered under NREGA. Besides providing unskilled manual work, the Act also generates skilled jobs in the form of engineers, administrative officers, Assistants, Accountants, ICT personnel. States have been directed to deploy adequate number of dedicated staff with the implementing agencies. The Ministry has also insisted on 100% ICT facilities at Block level in terms of personnel, Computers, training by professional and connectivity. The Ministry has allowed States to outsource work to professionals for technical support on any of the programme aspects such as works, MIS, help lines, evaluation and studies. This can help generate employment for professionals in the market.

NREGA Guidelines permit one time expenses for non-recurring items like computers, printers, cupboards/office racks and other necessary office equipments to facilitate proper maintenance of records and administrative functioning. All Blocks need to have computers dedicated to NREGA with required connectivity. All Gram Panchayats, Programme officers and District Programme Coordinator's office are to have basic necessary office equipments. This will not only increase office efficiency but will also give an impetus to local economy in the manufacturing sector.

Utilisation of funds under IAY and PMGSY in Orissa

970. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the total funds allocated to Orissa in the year of 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008 in Indira Awaas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and the precut of utilization at the end of the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): The details of funds allocated to Orissa and funds utilized

and deduction made in the year 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008 under Indira Awaas Yojana and PMGSY are given below:—

(Rs. in crore)

Years	Funds allocated under IAY	Total Available Funds (TAF)*	Utilization	Deduction made	Funds released out of savings
2004-05	144.76	227.22	226.20	127.01	122.52
2005-06	141.50	237.56	223.44	0.98	9.96
2006-07	150.43	232.52	215.35	0.74	0.49
2007-08	208.93	301.79	343.95	4.99	6.96
2008-09	418.57	248.23	79.55	—	—

*TAF includes Central share, State share, Opening balance, Interest etc.

Note:— Amount shown under Col. (6) was released to the better performing districts of the State out of savings.

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Allocation under (PMGSY) (Rs. in crore)	Funds released (Rs. in crore)*	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
2004-05	175.00	178.75	268.89
2005-06	268.00	305.29	377.36
2006-07	268.00	641.78	582.81
2007-08	273.00	546.83	677.41
2008-09	273.00	1037.33**	840.05**

*The releases include the funds released through Asian Development Bank assisted projects and loan drawn from special window created under RIDF at NABARD.

**Figures upto January, 2009

There is no provision of precut of utilization at the end of the year under PMGSY.

Performance of NREGA

971. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of NREGA in various States;

(b) how many people have been benefited under this scheme and the total funds distributed to people, State-wise;